REMARKS

By the above amendments, Applicants have revised the specification and Abstract to conform more closely to standard U.S. formal practices. Amendments have been made in claim 1 to delete "means" terms, albeit without any narrowing of scope.

Prompt favorable examination is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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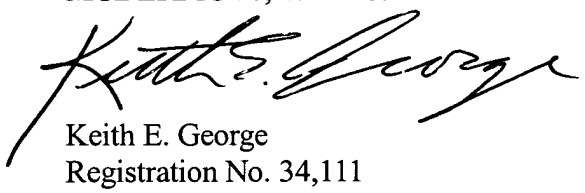

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